only the chief coast *ports.* Very few cities have had any kind of public water supply—not even the capital, Nanking, with its population of more than half a million. Comparatively few walls have been destroyed, although many have been pierced for the convenience of traffic.

SUMMARY

In conclusion it must be repeated that in spite of great changes in the social institutions and customs of China, in most communities those features which survive from the old quite outnumber the new. So huge a body of mankind with so matured a life is not easily or quickly dislocated. It will be recalled that the revolution in culture did not really begin until after 1895 and did not get fully under way until after 1900—much later than in India and Japan. Even though the revolution has been accompanied by a great deal of chaos, not a little of the old China abides. This is especially true outside those cities which are on the main arteries of communication with the West. China's population is predominately rural and while alterations have come in agricultural communities and in some places sweepingly and violently, much of the ancient life, ideals, and customs persist. For the masses the transition is still in its early stages. The traveller who has seen only such centers as Shanghai, Nanking, and Tientsin or who has met chiefly English-speaking students, many of whom have studied abroad, may easily believe that the disintegration of the old has proceeded much further than it really has. In the offices of at least some high officials, with their Occidental furniture and procedure and their staffs in Western garb, one might believe oneself to be in Washington or New York. However, Shanghai, Tientsin, and Nanking are not typical of all China, and even in

these cities no small amount of the old survives and the new is either localized or superficial.

Yet it would also be a mistake to suppose that outside of these and a few other centers the old China remains as it was under the Ch'ing. Through semi-Occidentalized cities and through many another channel the culture of the West is pouring in and it is a very rare community indeed which does not give some evidence of transformation. Prophecy is notoriously fallible, but it seems probable that before many decades life even in the districts most remote from the coast will be fairly thoroughly altered.